

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 14-17, 25, 29, 38, 44-61, 65-95, 97-105, and 108-109 remain pending after this amendment.

The objections of the examiner have been addressed and his suggestions implemented with appreciation.

Claim 108 and 109 have been added as dependent claims to include specific coverage for the compounds discussed in Example 3 and 4. Support for these compounds can be found at pages 44-45 of the description (paragraphs 0171 and 0172 as numbered in U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20030013772).

Because these two added claims are dependent from, and include all the limitations of an allowable parent claim, they should be allowable without further search. Because these claims are in the format of similar earlier claims and have clear specific support in the specification indicated above, there appears to be only a minor added burden of brief further consideration.

Applicant reserves the right to further prosecute any cancelled claims or any other broad claims supported by the original disclosure in continuing applications.

In view of the above, allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

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